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Grain barge traffic falls as Gulf unloadings rise



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Verified figures | US river traffic

In the week ending 14 November, 761,500 US short tons of grain moved by barge, down 10% from the previous week. USDA counted 507 barges moving downriver, 68 fewer than a week earlier. Over the same week, terminals in the New Orleans area unloaded 858 grain barges, up 9%.

NALAM trade desk observation

A barge that passes a lock this week may reach a Gulf terminal next week. Subtracting the 507 downbound barges from the 858 unloaded would therefore give a misleading estimate of the queue. For a nearby Gulf shipment, ask the terminal which barges have arrived and when their cargo can load.

Publisher notice | organic feed

On 18 November the Fastmarkets pricing team reported a delay in publishing its 17 November assessments for several organic and non-GMO products, including corn, soybeans, soybean meal and soybean oil. The agency subsequently updated its database. The assessment date remains 17 November.

European sunflower oil reference

Fastmarkets Sunoil FOB Six Ports (AG-SSD-0003, USD per metric tonne): No fresh verified quote. The public reference identifies the assessment; NALAM physical bids and offers are recorded separately.

Sources checked 20 November 2026

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